

gue, February 15, 1911; Buncombe County, James B. Allison, February 24, 1911; Wilson County, Lewis West, May 5, 1911; Nash County, Norman Lewis, May 12, 1911; Warren County, Norvell Marshall, October 27, 1911; Swain County, Ross French, November 24, 1911; Haywood County, Taylor Love, December 1, 1911; New Hanover County, L. M. Sanlin, December 29, 1911; Martin County, Brad Bagley, May 17, 1912; Nash County, G. G. Wilkins, June 21, 1912. Of the 25 persons who received the death sentence since electrocution was substituted for hanging two were granted a new trial, one of these being acquitted on a second trial and the other convicted of murder in the second degree and given a sentence of 17 years in prison. Commutation to life imprisonment was granted to 8 and 12 were electrocuted. Three are awaiting electrocution: Sam Thompson, Union County, January 17, 1913; Will Logan, Anson County, January 24, 1913; Arthur Johnson, Pender County, February 7, 1913.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The necessary repairs and improvements to buildings have been carefully looked after and the prison property is in a first class condition. During the last biennial period we have enjoyed the many improvements completed during the previous period, for a description of which you are referred to our 1909-'10 report. The results have proven beyond doubt that greater comfort and better sanitation are important factors, not only in improving the general health of the prisoners, but aid materially in maintaining discipline. A cross fence from front of main building to wooden stockade has been built, which cuts off from view at main entrance the unsightly wood, coal and brick yard, thus giving a neater appearance to the front yard. A summer house has been placed in the flower yard and the yard itself has been made more attractive in many other ways. We have used 400 feet 1 inch black iron pipe, 400 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and 200 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, with fittings in renewing the steam supplies of the buildings, and 400 feet 1 inch galvanized iron pipe, 400 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, 200 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and 100 feet $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, with fittings, in replacing old pipes and connecting some of the buildings with high pressure water service. Two new baths have been put in and a new electric pump has been installed at the pumping station. A hog scalding, for which the building and placing in position several hundred feet of steam pipe was used in order to steamheat the water. It works admirably and is one of the most convenient and useful improvements made at all. All repairs, the operating of the electric plant by day and by night, the wiring of electric lights in the buildings, plumbing, horseshoeing, blacksmithing, woodworking, and all mechanical work has been done by the prisoners, among whom are competent machinists, engineers, and woodworkers. This is a great saving to the prison, and the men who do this work are left free to direct and perform their tasks as they may think best without an overseer. This is an innovation that has worked well and prisoners who have been assigned to duty in these departments have shown their appreciation by rendering the very best of service.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Having made a careful study of prison conditions and prison needs I am offering a few suggestions that, if enacted into law, would be of